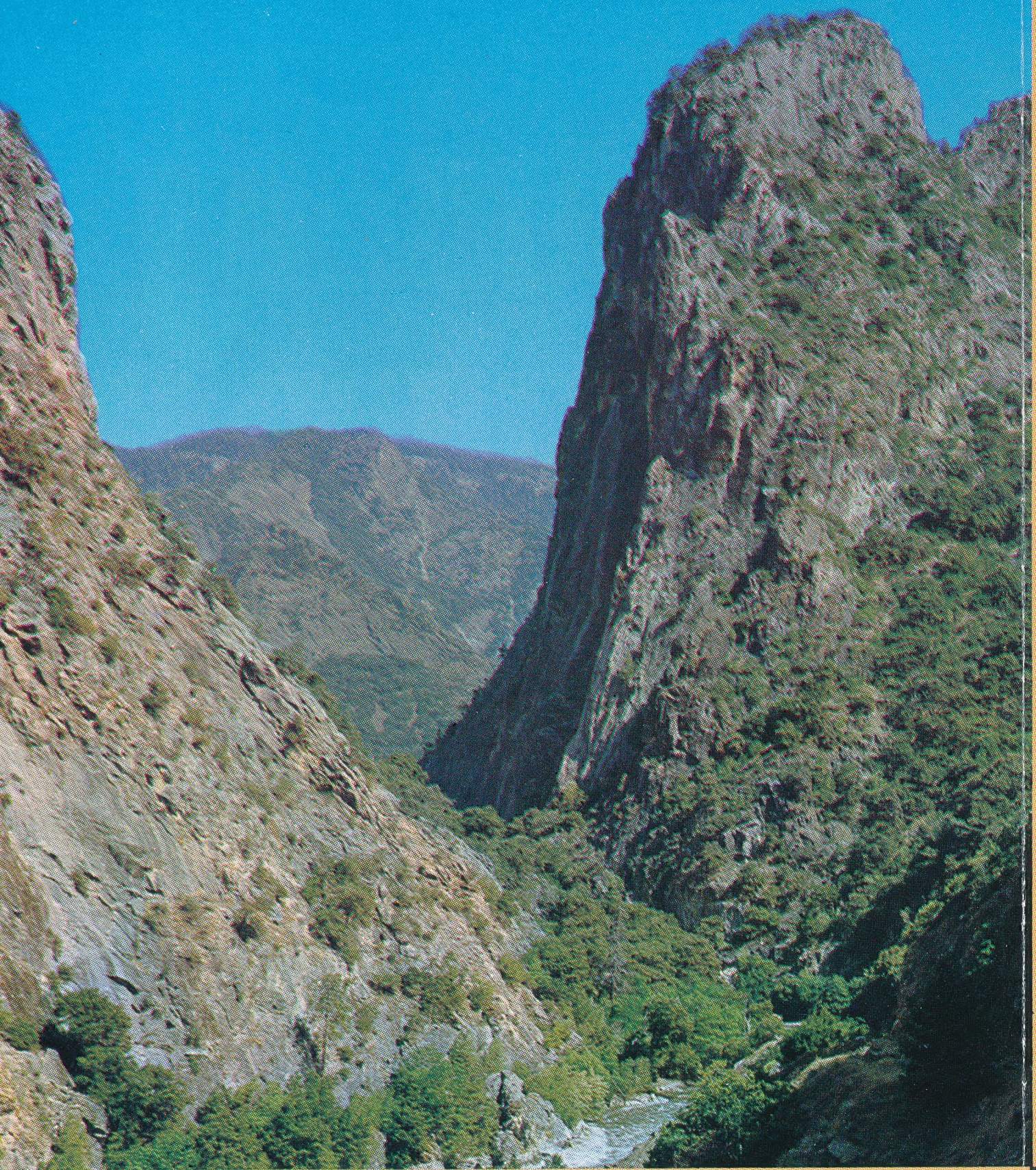


Boyden Cavern

A photograph of the interior of Boyden Cavern. The image shows a narrow, dimly lit passage with walls made of layered, light-colored rock. The rock formations are jagged and uneven, with some areas showing horizontal layering. In the distance, a small opening in the rock wall reveals a bright, orange-yellow light, possibly from a fire or a light source. The overall atmosphere is dark and mysterious.

LOCATED IN KINGS CANYON
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Boyden Cavern is located in the deepest canyon in the United States, the spectacular 8,000 feet deep Kings River Canyon. The cavern is between Grants Grove and Cedar Grove of Kings Canyon National Park. The parking area and attractive building, where information, tickets, snacks and gifts may be purchased, is ten miles before Cedar Grove where Highway 180 crosses the Kings River.

Boyden Cavern lies beneath the massive 2,000 feet high marble walls of the famous Kings Gates. The entire trip through the cavern takes about 45 minutes, including a five minute walk from the parking area. Deep within, you will find the temperature is a constant and refreshing 55°F. As you follow the well-

lighted and handrail-equipped trail, the guide will point out and explain the many natural varieties of formation: massive stalagmites, columns, delicate stalactites and splendid arrays of formations that defy description. Yet this beautiful and interesting cavern is only a small part of an extensive five-mile-long cavern system that formed as the marble was slowly dissolved and redeposited by underground water over a 300,000 year period. Still the water tumbles from a small fissure and finds its way through the tortuous passage and then disappears again. Overhead, thousands of tiny water drops shimmer on the still growing formations.

The Kings River that flows directly past Boyden Cavern is itself worth the trip, and a good fisherman can find sport in the pools and rapids.





ALL TOURS ARE GUIDED

MAY AND OCTOBER

Tours 11:00 through 4:00 Daily

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Tours 10:00 through 5:00 Daily

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National Park and Forest camp grounds are available nearby at Grants Grove, Indian Basin, Hume Lake and Cedar Grove. Groceries and gasoline are available at Grants Grove, Wilsonia, Barton Flat and Cedar Grove.

Nearby sights include Grizzly Falls, Roaring River Falls, and the famous Zumwalt Meadows. The area also boasts the most spectacular hiking trails anywhere, and horses are available.

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